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In accordance with instructions I have received, I have the honour to request you to circulate the enclosed statement issued by the Press Centre of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Georgia on 24 March 1994 as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Peter CHKHEIDZE
Permanent Representative

Annex

Statement issued by the Press Centre of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia on 24 March 1994

In the morning of 24 March 1994 at 8.40 a.m. the Gudauta separatist bandit formations began massive shelling of the peaceful villages of Latashi, Gentsvishi, Azhara, Omarishara and Sakeni in the Kodori valley of the Autonomous Republic of Abkhazia.

The shelling, using howitzers and mortars, continued throughout the day and is still taking place.

The village of Lata came under attack and tens of peaceful citizens were killed and wounded.

These aggressive actions of the separatist forces constitute blatant disregard of the peacemaking activities of the United Nations and the Security Council. This bloody and cynical action proves once again that not only do the Gudauta separatists have no wish to achieve peace in Abkhazia, but that by escalating this conflict they are in fact striving to achieve the goals of outside fundamentalist and imperialist forces.

The Government of the Republic of Georgia expresses its hope that the Security Council will take this fact into consideration and will evaluate it accordingly.